



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 669**

January Session, 2015

House Bill No. 5783

*House of Representatives, April 16, 2015*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. MILLER, P. of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN PERMISSION TO PLACE A DONATION BIN IN A PUBLIC PLACE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 21a-430 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) No person shall place or cause to be placed in a public place a  
4 donation bin for the donation of clothing or other articles unless such  
5 person has been granted written permission to place such donation bin  
6 in such public place by the owner of such public place or by such  
7 owner's duly authorized agent and unless such bin contains a notice in  
8 block letters at least two inches high stating: (1) If the donation is for a  
9 charitable purpose, (A) the name of the nonprofit organization that  
10 will benefit from the donation, (B) the name of the owner of such bin,  
11 and (C) that the public may contact the Department of Consumer  
12 Protection for further information, or (2) if not intended for a charitable  
13 purpose, that such donation is not for a charitable purpose. Such notice  
14 shall be on the same side of the bin where the donation is likely to be

15 made. As used in this section, "public place" means any area that is  
16 used or held out for use by the public, whether owned or operated by  
17 public or private interests, and "donation bin" means a large container  
18 commonly placed in a parking lot for the purpose of encouraging  
19 individuals to donate clothing or other items.

20 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this  
21 section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	21a-430

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as it is procedural in nature.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5783*****AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN PERMISSION TO PLACE A DONATION BIN IN A PUBLIC PLACE.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, people are prohibited from placing a donation bin in a public place without receiving permission from the place's owner or agent. This bill requires people to obtain such permission in writing. As under existing law, people who do not obtain permission, or who fail to label the bin as required, are subject to a fine of up to \$500.

By law, "public place" means an area used, or held out for use, by the public, whether publically or privately owned or operated. "Donation bin" means a large container commonly placed in a parking lot to encourage the donation of clothing or other items.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21      Nay 0      (03/27/2015)